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# OFFICERS

OF THE

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*Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.*

HENRY J. WHITE, SAMUEL H. WARREN,
NATHAN S. FISKE.

*Assessors.*

ALONZO S. FISKE, ABIJAH COBURN,
HENRY J. WHITE.

*School Committee.*

NAHUM SMITH, 3 years. HERMAN A. TRAIN, 2 years.
Rev. AMOS HARRIS, 1 year.

*Trustees of Merriam Fund.*

EDWARD COBURN, HORATIO HEWS,
GEORGE W. CUTTING, Jr.

*Town Clerk.*

GEORGE W. CUTTING, Jr.

*Treasurer and Collector.*

HORACE HEWS.

*Auditor.*

HERMAN A. TRAIN.

*Library Committee.*

Rev. AMOS HARRIS, JOHN COBURN,
OLIVER R. ROBBINS.

*Library Treasurer.*

HORACE HEWS.

*Burial Ground Committee.*

GEO. E. HOBBS, 3 years. HENRY J. WHITE, 2 years. EDWARD COBURN, 1 year.

*Road Commissioners.*

BENJ. F. CUTTER, 3 years. MARSHALL L. UPHAM, 2 years. ALONZO S. FISKE, 1 year.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

Distrtct No. 1. GEORGE W. CUTTING, Jr.
" No. 2. EDWARD E. BROWN.
" No. 3. GEORGE W. DUNN.
" No. 4. DANIEL GARFIELD.
" No. 5. CHARLES S. CUTTER.
" No. 6. THOMAS IRVING.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

DANIEL GARFIELD, DANIEL SMITH, BENJAMIN F. CUTTER.

*Fence Viewers.*

NATHAN BARKER, SAMUEL F. CLARK, HENRY J. JENNISON.

*Field Drivers.*

DENNIS J. ELDRIDGE, THOMAS COBURN, HERBERT M. JACOBS.

*Constables.*

ALONZO S. FISKE, NATHAN BARKER, Jr., SAMUEL H. WARREN.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

HORACE S. SEARS.

*Pound Keeper.*

FRANK D. PERRY.

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR 1882.

The statistics of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, are for the year beginning January 1, and ending December 31, and not for the fiscal year.

## Births.

Whole number, 24; males, 16; females, 8; both parents natives, 12; both parents foreign, 7; mixed parentage, 4; parents natives of Weston, 12; natives of Ireland, 8; Nova Scotia, 4; Canada, 2; England, France, Scotland and China, 1 each.

Number born in January, 2; March, 1; April, 3; May, 1; June 3; July, 2; August, 4; September, 3; October, 4; December, 1.

## Marriages.

Total number registered, 9; first marriage of party, 16; second, 2; parties native born, 12; foreign born, 6; natives of the town, 3. Marriage certificates issued, 13.

## Deaths.

Whole number registered, 20; of which 8 were males and 12 were females. Of this number 5 were under 1 year; between 1 and 10, 3; between 10 and 20, 1; between 20 and 30, 1; between 30 and 40, none; between 40 and 50, 2; between 50 and 60, 2; between 60 and 70, none; between 70 and 80, 1; between 80 and 90, 4; between 90 and 100, 1. Oldest, 94 years, 2 months, 2 days.

## Disease, or Cause of Death.

Old age, 4; still born, 3; tubercular consumption, bronchi-

tis, erysipelas, palsy, disease of liver, cancer, inanition, consumption, cholera infantum, typhoid fever, diptheritic croup, marasmus, heart disease, 1 each.

Amounnt paid into the County Treasury on account of 91 dog licenses, $187.80.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CUTTING, Jr.,
*Town Clerk.*

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

## Statement of Expenses.

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### PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $3,300 00 |
| Mass. School Fund, | | 173 84 |
| HIGH SCHOOL. | | |
| F. W. Anthony, one term, | $316 65 | |
| " " teaching music, one term, | 33 35 | |
| H. W. Ring, two terms, | 633 30 | |
| " " teaching music, two terms, | 66 70 | |
| INTERMEDIATE. | | |
| Miss Sadie A. Bruce, one term, | $120 00 | |
| Miss Abbie C. Fiske, two terms, | 300 00 | |
| DISTRICT No. 1. | | |
| Miss Ellen M. Jones, three terms, | 300 00 | |
| DISTRICT No. 2. | | |
| Miss Lillie I. Dunn, three terms, | 300 00 | |
| DISTRICT No. 3. | | |
| Miss Ida A. Gould, three terms, | 300 00 | |
| DISTRICT No. 4. | | |
| Miss Anna C. Coburn, three terms, | 450 00 | |
| DISTRICT No. 5. | | |
| Miss Lizzie J. Viles, three terms, | 300 00 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* - - | $3,120 00 | $3,473 84 |

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| *Amounts brought forward,* - - | $3,120 00 | $3,473 84 |
| DISTRICT No. 6. | | |
| Miss Julia C. Stearns, two terms, | 200 00 | |
| Miss Clara F. Stimpson, one term, | 100 00 | |
| 10 + per cent. Mass. School Fund transferred to School Incidentals, | 17 80 | |
| | | $3,437 80 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | $36 04 |

## SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $1,000 00 |
| 10 + per. cent. Mass. School Fund, | | 17 80 |
| School Com., care of rooms, winter term, 1881–1882, | $60 00 | |
| " " care of rooms, spring term, 1882, | 44 00 | |
| " " care of rooms, fall term, 1882, | 50 39 | |
| " " care of rooms, winter term, 1882–1883, | 60 00 | |
| " " sawing and packing wood, at Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, | 25 00 | |
| " " sundry items, | 4 65 | |
| Austin C. Wellington & Co., 20 tons coal, High School, | 100 00 | |
| Geo. H. Jones, carting 20 tons coal, | 40 00 | |
| A. S. Fiske, 14 1-2 cords wood, | 84 78 | |
| E. R. Sibley, 2 " " | 12 25 | |
| Edward Peirce, 1-2 cord " | 3 00 | |
| W. H. & A. L. Coburn, 1 cord wood, | 6 50 | |
| A. M. Loker, 10 1-2 cords " | 63 00 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* - - | $553 57 | $1,017 80 |

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| *Amounts brought forward,* - - | $553 57 | $1,017 80 |
| G. H. Stratton, 5 5-8 cords wood, | 33 64 | |
| " " dry pine, and measuring fees, | 2 05 | |
| G. W. Kenney, sawing and packing 2 cords wood, H. S., | 2 00 | |
| " " removing ashes from H. S. H. cellar, | 8 92 | |
| J. S. Gould, labor and stock on houses Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and High School, | 97 28 | |
| Daniel Smith, labor and stock on houses Nos. 4, 6, and High School, | 35 48 | |
| Boston School Supply Co., sundry articles, | 30 63 | |
| Thomas Todd, programmes for High School, | 7 25 | |
| " " 500 school schedules, | 2 97 | |
| E. L. Barry, printing 12 copies Art. 25 of By-Laws, | 1 00 | |
| Bradford & Williams, framing 8 copies of By-Laws, | 3 20 | |
| H. B. & W. O. Chamberlain, repairing apparatus, | 8 00 | |
| Atwood's Express, | 75 | |
| Richard J. French, labor at High School-house, | 2 50 | |
| Mrs. M. E. Mullen, cleaning school-houses Nos. 1, 2, 3, and High School, | 12 50 | |
| John Mullen, cleaning High School windows, | 1 80 | |
| Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for schools, for 1881–1882, | 37 69 | |
| Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for schools, for 1882–1883, | 112 52 | |
| Nahum Smith, sundry items, | 16 37 | |
| H. A. Train, stationery and postage, | 1 25 | |
| Francis Buttrick, lumber, | 46 43 | |
| | $1,017 80 | $1,017 80 |

## HIGHWAYS.

A. S. Fiske, *Road Commissioner.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | | $3,500 00 |
| April. | Self, 16 1-2 days, | $41 25 | |
| | Men, 41 1-2 " | 72 63 | |
| | Oxen, 23 " | 46 00 | |
| | T. C. Richardson, man, 19 days, | 33 25 | |
| | " " horse, 19 days, | 28 50 | |
| | H. A. Wheeler, men, 48 1-2 days, | 84 88 | |
| | " " horse, 12 days, | 18 00 | |
| | H. G. Russell, man, 18 1-2 days, | 32 38 | |
| | " " horse, 18 1-2 days, | 27 75 | |
| | M. Clough, 17 1-2 days, | 30 63 | |
| | P. Sullivan, 18 days, | 31 50 | |
| | E. Bemis, man and horse, 1 day, | 3 25 | |
| May. | Self, 1 1-2 days, | 3 75 | |
| | Man and horse, 3 days, | 9 75 | |
| | Oxen, 1-2 day, | 1 00 | |
| | M. Clough, 3 days, | 5 25 | |
| June. | Self, 5 days, | 12 50 | |
| | Men, 15 days, | 26 25 | |
| | Oxen, 6 days, | 12 00 | |
| | H. A. Wheeler, men, 6 days, | 10 50 | |
| | " " horse, 3 days, | 4 50 | |
| | H. G. Russell, man, 3 1-2 days, | 6 13 | |
| | " " horse, 2 days, | 3 00 | |
| | P. Sullivan, 5 days, | 8 75 | |
| Oct. | Self, 5 days, | 12 50 | |
| | Men, 18 days, | 31 50 | |
| | Oxen, 5 1-2 days, | 11 00 | |
| | H. G. Russell, 5 days, | 8 75 | |
| | " " horse, 5 days, | 7 50 | |
| | E. L. Bemis, 5 days, | 8 75 | |
| | " " horse, 5 days, | 7 50 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* | - - | $640 90 | $3,500 00 |

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| *Amounts brought forward,* - - | | $640 90 | $3,500 00 |
| | T. C. Richardson, 1 1-2 days, | 2 63 | |
| | " " horse, 1 1-2 days, | 2 25 | |
| | H. A. Wheeler, 3 days, | 5 25 | |
| | P. Sullivan, 7 days, | 12 25 | |
| Dec. | Men, 39 hours, | 5 85 | |
| | Oxen, 26 hours, | 3 90 | |

M. L. UPHAM, *Road Commissioner.*

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| Mar. | Self, 72 hours, | $18 00 | |
| | Men, 72 hours, | 10 80 | |
| | Team, 30 hours, | 9 00 | |
| | Man, 10 days, | 17 50 | |
| | Horse, 8 days, | 12 00 | |
| | Oxen, 4 days, | 8 00 | |
| April. | Self, 21 days, | 52 50 | |
| | Men, 42 days, | 73 50 | |
| | Team, 33 days, | 49 50 | |
| | Oxen, 13 days, | 26 00 | |
| | F. A. Caswell, 16 4-5 days, | 29 40 | |
| | " " horse, 9 4-5 days, | 14 70 | |
| | G. H. Stratton, 4 days, | 7 00 | |
| | " " horse, 3 days, | 4 50 | |
| | F. Jennison, 5 3-10 days, | 9 28 | |
| | A. Barker, 23 1-2 days, | 41 13 | |
| | " " horse, 10 days, | 15 00 | |
| | T. Burke, 15 days, | 26 25 | |
| | C. Durgin, 14 1-2 days, | 25 38 | |
| | J. Warren, 9 hours, | 1 58 | |
| | " " horse, 9 hours, | 1 35 | |
| | Scott Higgins, 19 days, | 33 25 | |
| May. | Self, 12 1-2 days, | 28 75 | |
| | Men, 33 days, | 57 75 | |
| | Horse, 13 days, | 19 50 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* - - | | $1,264 65 | $3,500 00 |

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| *Amounts brought forward,* - - | | $1,264 65 | $3,500 00 |
| | Oxen, 8 1-2 days, | 17 00 | |
| | Scott Higgins, 20 days, | 35 00 | |
| | C. Durgin, 8 days, | 14 00 | |
| | T. Burke, 9 1-2 days, | 16 63 | |
| | Amri Barker, 3 1-2 days, | 6 13 | |
| | " " horse, 1 day, | 1 50 | |
| | F. Jennison, 1 day, | 1 75 | |
| June. | Self, 17 days, | 42 50 | |
| | Men, 42 days, | 73 50 | |
| | Horse, 15 1-2 days, | 23 25 | |
| | Oxen, 4 days, | 8 00 | |
| | Scott Higgins, 20 days, | 35 00 | |
| | T. Burke, 5 days, | 8 75 | |
| | A. Barker, 5 days, | 8 75 | |
| | C. Durgin, 8 days, | 14 00 | |
| Aug. | Self, 16 1-2 days, | 41 25 | |
| | Men, 45 days, | 78 75 | |
| | Team, 15 days, | 22 50 | |
| | Oxen, 10 days, | 20 00 | |
| Sept. | Self, 14 1-2 days, | 36 25 | |
| | Men, 28 days, | 49 00 | |
| | Team, 28 days, | 42 00 | |
| | Oxen, 8 days, | 16 00 | |
| | Scott Higgins, 13 1-2 days, | 23 63 | |
| | A. Jennison, 2 days, | 3 50 | |
| | F. Jennison, 15 1-2 days, | 27 13 | |
| | T. Burke, 18 days, | 31 50 | |
| | J. Smith, 12 days, | 21 00 | |
| | D. Keefe, 14 days, | 24 50 | |
| Oct. | Self, 15 days, | 37 50 | |
| | Men, 38 days, | 66 50 | |
| | Team, 51 days, | 76 50 | |
| | Oxen, 5 days, | 10 00 | |
| | S. Higgins, 23 days, | 40 25 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* - - | | $2,238 17 | $3,500 00 |

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| *Amounts brought forward,* - - | | $2,238 17 | $3,500 00 |
| | J. Smith, 23 days, | 40 25 | |
| | T. Burke, 23 days, | 40 25 | |
| | H. Parker, 23 days, | 40 25 | |
| | W. Gould, 13 days, | 22 75 | |
| | A. Jennison, 17 1-2 days, | 30 63 | |
| Nov. | Self, 5 days, | 12 50 | |
| | Men, 10 days, | 17 50 | |
| | Team, 8 days, | 12 00 | |
| | S. Higgins, 6 days, | 10 50 | |
| | T. Burke, 6 days, | 10 50 | |
| | J. Smith, 5 1-2 days, | 9 63 | |
| | H. Parker, 6 days, | 10 50 | |
| | W. Gould, 4 1-2 days, | 7 88 | |
| Dec. | Self, 7 13-40 days, | 18 31 | |
| | Men, 16 days, | 24 00 | |
| | Horse, 12 days, | 18 00 | |
| | S. Higgins, 8 days, | 12 00 | |
| | J. Smith, 8 days, | 12 00 | |
| | H. Parker, 8 days, | 12 00 | |
| B. F. Cutter, *Road Commissioner.* | | | |
| April. | Self, 9 days, | 22 50 | |
| | Men, 35 days, | 61 25 | |
| | Men, 16 days, | 24 00 | |
| | Horse, 31 days, | 46 50 | |
| | A. M. Loker, 90 hours, | 13 50 | |
| | " " men, 248 hours, | 37 20 | |
| | " " horses, 212 hours, | 31 80 | |
| | M. G. Leadbetter, 20 hours, | 4 00 | |
| | T. Irving, men, 66 1-2 hours, | 11 64 | |
| | " " horses, 66 1-2 hours, | 9 98 | |
| | C. A. Warren, men, 245 hours, | 42 87 | |
| | " " horses, 170 hours, | 25 50 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* - - | | $2,930 36 | $3,500 00 |

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| *Amounts brought forward,* - - | $2,930 36 | $3,500 00 |
| | G. F. Jones, 6 days, | 10 50 | |
| | " " man, 7 1-2 days, | 13 12 | |
| | " " horse, 6 days, | 9 00 | |
| May. | Self, 7 1-2 days, | 18 75 | |
| | Men, 40 days, | 70 00 | |
| | Horses, 23 1-2 days, | 35 25 | |
| June. | Self, 10 days, | 25 00 | |
| | Men, 52 days, | 91 00 | |
| | Horses, 39 days, | 58 50 | |
| Aug. | Self, 1 day, | 2 50 | |
| | Men, 7 days, | 12 25 | |
| | Horse, 2 days, | 3 00 | |
| Oct. | Self, 1 day, | 2 50 | |
| | Men, 16 1-2 days, | 28 87 | |
| | Horse, 11 days, | 16 50 | |
| | G. F. Jones, 50 hours, | 8 75 | |
| | " " horse, 45 hours, | 6 75 | |
| | D. Jacobs, 118 hours, | 20 65 | |
| | " " horse, 29 hours, | 4 35 | |
| | A. M. Loker, as per bill, | 6 75 | |
| Nov. | Self, 5 hours, | 1 25 | |
| | Horses, 40 hours, | 6 00 | |
| | C. H. Warren, men and horses, as per bill, | 71 25 | |
| | D. W. Jacobs, 95 hours, | 16 15 | |
| | " " horse, 24 hours, | 3 60 | |
| Dec. | Self, 29 hours, | 7 25 | |
| | Men, 68 hours, | 11 90 | |
| | Horses, 55 hours, | 8 25 | |
| | | $3,500 00 | $3,500 00 |

## SIDEWALKS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | | $500 00 |
| June. | A. S. Fiske, 7 1-2 days, | 18 75 | |
| | " " men, 21 days, | 36 75 | |
| | " " oxen, 8 1-2 days, | 17 00 | |
| | H. G. Russell, 7 days, | 12 25 | |
| | " " horse, 7 days, | 10 50 | |
| | P. Sullivan, 7 days, | 12 25 | |
| Sept. | A. S. Fiske, 2 1-2 days, | 6 25 | |
| | " " men, 13 days, | 22 75 | |
| | " " oxen, 6 days, | 12 00 | |
| | H. G. Russell, 4 days, | 7 00 | |
| | " " horse, 4 days, | 6 00 | |
| | P. Sullivan, 6 days, | 10 50 | |
| Oct. | A. S. Fiske, 5 1-2 days, | 13 75 | |
| | " " men, 18 days, | 31 50 | |
| | " " oxen, 4 days, | 8 00 | |
| | H. G. Russell, 6 1-4 days, | 10 94 | |
| | " " horse, 4 3-4 days, | 7 13 | |
| | E. L. Bemis, man and horse, 5 1-4 days, | 17 06 | |
| | H. A. Wheeler, 4 days, | 7 00 | |
| | P. Sullivan, 5 1-4 days, | 9 19 | |
| April. | M. L. Upham, 3 days, | 7 50 | |
| | " " men, 9 days, | 15 75 | |
| | " " horse, 6 days, | 9 00 | |
| | " " oxen, 3 days, | 6 00 | |
| Aug. | " " 5 days, | 12 50 | |
| | " " men, 15 days, | 26 25 | |
| | " " horse, 7 days, | 10 50 | |
| | " " oxen, 4 days, | 8 00 | |
| Sept. | " " 1 day, | 2 50 | |
| | " " men, 4 days, | 7 00 | |
| | " " horse, 2 days, | 3 00 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* | - - | $384 57 | $500 00 |

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| *Amounts brought forward,* - - | $384 57 | $500 00 |
| Oct. M. L. Upham, 4 days, | 10 00 | |
| " " men, 10 days, | 17 50 | |
| " " horse, 6 days, | 9 00 | |
| " " oxen, 2 days, | 4 00 | |
| Nov. " " 5 days, | 12 50 | |
| " " men, 12 days, | 21 00 | |
| " " horse, 12 days, | 18 00 | |
| Dec. " " 2 days, | 5 00 | |
| " " men, 2 days, | 3 00 | |
| " " horse, 2 days, | 3 00 | |
| Geo. Walker, laying wall, as per bill, | 12 43 | |
| | $500 00 | $500 00 |

## CULVERTS AND RAILINGS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $800 00 |
| A. S. Fiske, labor on railing opposite Mrs. Hobbs', | $21 00 | |
| " " 75 Chestnut posts, | 13 50 | |
| M. L. Upham, labor on wall near house of Mrs. Derby, | 124 40 | |
| " " labor on culverts, | 16 25 | |
| " " widening Central Ave. and laying wall opposite Mr. Bowen's, | 281 25 | |
| B. F. Cutter, labor on wall and railing near Starrs Bridge, | 199 90 | |
| Luther Harrington, drawing stones, | 5 00 | |
| W. N. Gowell, labor on railing near Silver Hill, | 8 75 | |
| John Poutas, laying one culvert, | 70 00 | |
| Geo. Walker, laying wall, | 6 56 | |
| Francis Buttrick, lumber, | 53 39 | |
| | $800 00 | $800 00 |

## CEMETERIES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $300 00 |
| H. J. White, labor at Linwood Cemetery, | 56 66 | |
| John Poutas, 32 granite posts, | 24 00 | |
| Geo. Sanderson, plants and flowers, | 13 00 | |
| C. F. Parks, services as civil engineer, | 45 00 | |
| Edward Coburn, labor in cemeteries, | 6 45 | |
| H. J. White, superintending and labor in cemeteries, | 11 00 | |
| Trustees, | 10 00 | |
| | | $166 11 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | $133 89 |

## TOWN INCIDENTALS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $1,700 00 |
| C. M. A. Twitchell, printing Town Reports, | $101 37 | |
| Horace Hews, distributing Town Reports, | 3 60 | |
| " " express on " " | 2 05 | |
| Theodore Jones, care of town clock, and ringing bell for town meeting, 1881–82, | 22 00 | |
| " " " care of town clock, and ringing bell for town meetings, 1882–83, | 22 00 | |
| " " sundry items, | 3 00 | |
| Edwin Mayberry, vaccination, | 75 00 | |
| " " attendance on John White, | 12 00 | |
| Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for Town Hall, | 18 79 | |
| " " " articles for Library, | 12 11 | |
| D. W. Williams, insurance on " | 45 00 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* - - | $316 92 | $1,700 00 |

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| *Amounts brought forward,* - - | $316 92 | $1,700 00 |
| W. L. Fisher & Co., 1 stamp for Library, | 2 50 | |
| Daniel Smith, window screens for " | 6 00 | |
| " " labor on blinds for Town House, | 1 20 | |
| A. R. Gay & Co., record book, | 3 25 | |
| Ira Bradley & Co., binding library books, | 28 62 | |
| Fairbanks, Brown & Co., town scales, | 142 50 | |
| Fitchburg R. R., express on lumber, town scales, | 2 71 | |
| C. L. Keefe, express, town scales, | 5 00 | |
| M. L. Upham, labor on " | 5 20 | |
| " " articles for highways, | 17 81 | |
| " " removing snow from sidewalks, | 11 00 | |
| Mass. Central R. R., express on 1 box seals, | 67 | |
| William Reed, stones for culvert, | 137 00 | |
| E. W. Parker, coal for Town House, | 15 00 | |
| Edward Peirce, wood " " | 6 60 | |
| A. S. Fiske, " " " | 6 29 | |
| " " freight on culvert stones, | 43 12 | |
| " " " road scraper, | 11 24 | |
| " " moving culvert stones, | 26 16 | |
| " " sundry items, | 7 15 | |
| " " services as constable, and administering oath to Town Officers, | 26 80 | |
| " " examining bank and corporation taxes, | 5 00 | |
| " " stationery for Assessors, | 5 55 | |
| " " services as Road Commis'r, | 8 20 | |
| " " articles for highways, | 10 05 | |
| " " gravel " | 15 00 | |
| A. M. Loker, gravel for highways, | 8 90 | |
| E. R. Sibley, " " | 5 00 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* - - | $880 44 | $1,700 00 |

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| *Amounts brought forward,* - - | $880 44 | $1,700 00 |
| B. F. Cutter, gravel for highways, | 11 70 | |
| Charles Jones, " " | 11 84 | |
| John Warren, " " | 5 76 | |
| " " lighting streets, | 1 25 | |
| Davis & Farnum, drain pipe and grates, | 39 56 | |
| T. E. Hamblin, " | 56 32 | |
| Geo. Phinney, advertising by-laws, | 13 00 | |
| " " printing Voting-list and Order book, | 13 00 | |
| Richard J. French, sawing wood at Town House, | 2 00 | |
| ——— Peirce, for covering stones, | 3 00 | |
| A. G. Whitcomb, table for Library, | 16 50 | |
| Frank Cooper, express on table for Library, | 50 | |
| Thomas Groom & Co., day and record book, | 19 00 | |
| Daniel Garfield, repairs on town pump, | 1 00 | |
| J. S. Gould, " " | 2 25 | |
| J. J. Murray, " " | 3 50 | |
| Joel Upham, repairing tools for highways, | 15 06 | |
| Geo. Upham, " " | 2 50 | |
| Daniel Garfield, " " | 9 85 | |
| D. O. Donnell, " " | 5 60 | |
| Clerk of Courts, Middlesex Co., copy and records of By-Laws, | 5 90 | |
| Town of Lincoln, tax, | 5 31 | |
| Horace Hews, Treas., corporation tax, returned, | 2 60 | |
| Town of Waltham, building bridge, | 57 33 | |
| W. N. Gowell, labor on blinds at Town House, | 7 78 | |
| " " frame for grating, | 1 25 | |
| John Coburn, sundry items for Library, | 1 63 | |
| " " care of Town Hall, | 49 00 | |
| H. J. White, expenses to Worcester Hospital, | 2 00 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* - - | $1,246 43 | $1,700 00 |

| | | |
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| *Amounts brought forward,* - | $1,246 43 | $1,700 00 |
| H. J. White, stationery and postage, | 3 75 | |
| Horace Hews, " " | 3 75 | |
| John Carter, tending fire in woods at night, | 2 00 | |
| William S. Seaverns, gravel, | 150 00 | |
| Nathan Barker, labor on railing near O. N. Kenney's, | 75 00 | |
| Geo. H. Jones, return of deaths for 1882–83, | 1 75 | |
| | | $1,482 68 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | $217 32 |

## TEXT-BOOKS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | | $400 00 |
| Mar. | School Committee, | $14 85 | |
| April. | Lee & Shepard, | 16 40 | |
| | Ginn, Heath & Co., | 15 78 | |
| | Boston School Supply Co., | 7 80 | |
| | A. C. Stockin, | 15 00 | |
| | Harper & Brothers, | 26 15 | |
| | William Ware & Co., | 7 87 | |
| | D. Appleton & Co., | 19 95 | |
| May. | " " | 1 88 | |
| | Harper & Brothers, | 6 90 | |
| | William Ware & Co., | 2 16 | |
| Sept. | " " | 26 14 | |
| | D. Appleton & Co., | 18 79 | |
| | Harper & Brothers, | 3 60 | |
| | Boston School Supply Co., | 9 34 | |
| | Thompson, Brown & Co., | 11 26 | |
| | Clark & Maynard, | 25 96 | |
| | Harrison Hume, | 11 39 | |
| Oct. | " " | 2 07 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* - - | | $243 29 | $400 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Amounts brought forward,* | | $243 29 | $400 00 |
| Oct. | Harper & Brothers, | 6 10 | |
| | Lockwood, Brooks & Co., | 1 13 | |
| | D. Appleton & Co., | 5 94 | |
| | William Ware & Co., | 22 42 | |
| Nov. | " " | 2 00 | |
| Dec. | " " | 10 20 | |
| | Harper & Brothers, | 23 54 | |
| | D. Appleton & Co., | 26 95 | |
| | Oliver Ditson & Co., | 22 68 | |
| 1883. | | | |
| Jan. | Harper & Brothers, | 2 40 | |
| | D. Appleton & Co., | 2 03 | |
| Feb. | " " | 2 04 | |
| | | | $370 72 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | | $29 28 |

## SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $1,000 00 |
| Henry J. White, Selectman, | $40 00 | |
| Samuel H. Warren, " | 25 00 | |
| Nathan S. Fiske, " | 25 00 | |
| Alonzo S. Fiske, Assessor, | 85 00 | |
| Abijah Coburn, " | 38 00 | |
| Henry J. White, " | 38 00 | |
| Rev. Amos Harris, School Committee, | 50 00 | |
| Nahum Smith, " " | 50 00 | |
| Herman A. Train, " " | 50 00 | |
| Geo. W. Cutting, Jr., Town Clerk, | 74 80 | |
| John Coburn, Librarian, | 198 09 | |
| Horace Hews, Treasurer and Collector, | 250 00 | |
| Herman A. Train, Auditor, | 53 25 | |
| | | $977 14 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | $22 86 |

## INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $1,050 00 |
| Waltham Bank, and sundry notes, | $1,040 58 | |
| | | 1,040 58 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | $9 42 |

## DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $800 00 |
| Amonnt, | $674 68 | |
| | | 674 68 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | $125 32 |
| Corporation tax returned, | | $6 38 |

## LIBRARY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, dog tax, | | $199 87 |
| Library Treasurer, | $199 87 | |
| | | 199 87 |

## ROAD SCRAPER.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $150 00 |
| George Tyler, | $150 00 | |
| | | 150 00 |

## STREET SIGN-BOARDS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $300 00 |
| A. S. Fiske, labor and stock, | $102 43 | |
| W. N. Gowell, " | 48 64 | |
| Theo. Jones, painting and lettering, | 43 75 | |
| B. F. Cutter, labor, | 14 50 | |
| | | 209 32 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | $90 68 |

## REPAIRS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $700 00 |
| A. Gregory, labor and stock at High School, | $292 98 | |
| " labor and stock at District school-houses, | 64 13 | |
| Joseph W. Morse, mason work and stock at Nos. 5 and 6, | 87 41 | |
| W. N. Gowell, labor and stock for school-houses, | 25 96 | |
| | | 470 48 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | $229 52 |

## REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $300 00 |
| A. Gregory, labor and stock, | $208 48 | |
| A. Hardy & Co., inside blinds, | 56 34 | |
| E. Hardy, trimmings for blinds, | 27 21 | |
| Fitchburg R. R., freight on blinds, | 50 | |
| W. N. Gowell, labor " | 7 47 | |
| | | 300 00 |

## REPAIRING CAUSEWAY NEAR SILVER HILL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $400 00 |
| A. S. Fiske, | $400 50 | |
| | | 400 50 |
| Amount overdrawn, transferred into Treasury, | | $0 50 |

## RELAYING CULVERT UNDER CENTRAL AVENUE, NEAR MR. BEALS'.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $200 00 |
| M. L. Upham, | $199 02 | |
| | | 199 02 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | $0 98 |

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, | | $800 00 |
| Overseers of Poor, support at Almshouse, | $232 36 | |
| " " outside relief, | 427 87 | |
| | | 660 23 |
| Balance unexpended, transferred into Treasury, | | $139 77 |

## CONTINGENCIES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount drawn from unexpended balances transferred into Treasury, according to Art. 15 of By-Laws, | | $250 00 |
| Chas. A. Benson, damage received by defect in highway, | $250 00 | |
| | | 250 00 |

## STATE AID.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Harriet F. Stimpson, | $48 00 | |
| Mrs. Martha Tucker, | 48 00 | |
| Hosea F. Traverse, | 48 00 | |
| Lemuel A. Smith, | 36 00 | |
| | | 180 00 |

## Auditor's Account with Treasurer and Collector.

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1882, | $3,150 63 |
| Uncollected Taxes, " " | 1,528 12 |
| Waltham Bank, in anticipation of taxes, | 6,500 00 |
| Mass. Corporation Tax, 1881, | 34 49 |
| " " " 1882, | 6,174 55 |
| " Bank Tax, | 2,230 44 |
| " State Aid, | 200 00 |
| " Military Aid, | 20 00 |
| " School Fund, | 173 84 |
| County Treasurer, dog tax refunded, | 174 65 |
| Rent of Nonsuch Pond, | 5 00 |
| Nathan Barker, Jr., Auctioneer's License, | 2 00 |
| Sale of burial lots, | 90 00 |
| N. Smith, School Com., money refunded for school books, | 10 91 |
| Tuition non-resident scholars, | 40 00 |
| Weighing Fees, | 40 60 |
| Rent of Town Hall, | 54 00 |
| Hay, | 10 00 |
| Mass. Corporation Tax, balance 1882, | 16 30 |
| Tax receipts for 1880–81, | 1,392 82 |
| " " 1882, | 11,448 31 |
| Added Taxes, | 12 95 |
| Interest on Taxes, | 41 96 |
| | $33,351 57 |

## Auditor's Account with Treasurer and Collector.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Schools, | $3,420 00 |
| School Incidentals, | 1,017 80 |
| Town " | 1,482 68 |
| Highways, | 3,500 00 |
| Sidewalks, | 500 00 |
| Culverts and Railings, | 800 00 |
| Support of Poor, | 660 23 |
| Cemeteries, | 166 11 |
| Town Officers, | 977 14 |
| State Aid, | 180 00 |
| Interest on debt, | 1,040 58 |
| Discount and Abatements, | 674 68 |
| Corporation Tax returned, | 6 38 |
| Library, | 199 87 |
| Road Scraper, | 150 00 |
| Street Sign-boards, | 209 32 |
| Text-books, | 370 72 |
| Repairs on School Buildings, | 470 48 |
| " Town House, | 300 00 |
| Repairing causeway near Silver Hill, | 400 50 |
| Relaying culvert under Central Ave., near Mr. Beals', | 199 02 |
| Contingencies, | 250 00 |
| State Tax, | 1,840 00 |
| County Tax, | 693 46 |
| Temporary Loan at Waltham Bank, | 6,000 00 |
| Charles H. Fiske, executor, loan, | 4,500 00 |
| Uncollected Taxes, | 1,528 12 |
| Cash in Treasury, | 1,814 48 |
| | $33,351 57 |

## AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

### DEBT OF THE TOWN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Estate of Almira Peirce, | $1,500 00 |
| Mary F. Peirce, | 1,000 00 |
| Edward Peirce, | 1,000 00 |
| Charles H. Fiske, executor, | 1,000 00 |
| Abigail Jones, | 800 00 |
| First Parish, Weston, | 400 00 |
| Trustees Town Library Fund, | 1,400 00 |
| Trustees of Silent Poor Fund, | 3,208 00 |
| Marshall L. Hews, | 1,750 00 |
| Waltham National Bank, | 500 00 |
| | $12,558 00 |

### ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in Treasury, | $1,814 48 | |
| Uncollected Taxes, | 1,528 12 | |
| Due from State Aid, | 180 00 | |
| | | $3,522 60 |
| Total indebtedness, | | $9,035 40 |
| Decrease of debt, | | $4,000 00 |

## ASSESSORS' VALUATION, MAY 1, 1882.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total value of Real Estate, | | $986,990 00 |
| Total value of Personal Estate, | | 703,610 00 |
| Total value, | | $1,690,600 00 |
| Number of polls, | 398 | |
| " dwelling-houses, | 254 | |
| " horses, | 366 | |
| " cows, | 820 | |
| " sheep, | 23 | |
| " acres taxed, | 10,377⅝ | |

RATE PER CENT.,

| | |
|---|---|
| State Tax on property, | .85 per $1.000 |
| County " " | .18 " " |
| Town " " | $6.17 " " |
| Total " " | $7.20 " " |

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN A. TRAIN, *Auditor.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1883.

# TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1882, | $3,150 63 |
| Received from rent of Town Hall, | 54 00 |
| " " Nonsuch Pond, | 5 00 |
| " weighing fees, | 40 60 |
| " sale of burial lots, | 90 00 |
| " sale of hay, | 10 00 |
| Auctioneer's license, | 2 00 |
| Tuition of non-resident scholars, | 40 00 |
| School books, money refunded, | 10 91 |
| Waltham National Bank, temporary loan, | 6,500 00 |
| County of Middlesex, dog licenses refunded, | 174 65 |
| State of Massachusetts, income from School Fund, | 173 84 |
| " " Corporation Tax balance, 1881, | 34 49 |
| " " Corporation Tax, 1882, | 6,190 85 |
| " " National Bank Tax, | 2,230 44 |
| " " State Aid refunded, | 200 00 |
| " " Relief of indigent soldiers and sailors, | 20 00 |
| Horace Hews, Collector of Taxes, 1880, | 32 06 |
| " " " " 1881, | 1,360 76 |
| " " " " 1882, | 11,448 31 |
| " " Betterments, Taxes of 1882, | 12 95 |
| " " Interest on Taxes, | 41 96 |
| | $31,823 45 |

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| | |
|---|---|
| By paid State of Massachusetts, State Tax, | $1,840 00 |
| " County of Middlesex, County Tax, | 693 46 |
| " Waltham National Bank, temporary loan, | 6,000 00 |
| " C. H. Fiske, Executor, loan, | 4,500 00 |
| " Sundry persons, Selectmen's orders, | 16,975 51 |
| Balance in Treasury, | 1,814 48 |
| | $31,823 45 |

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1883.

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TAXES UNCOLLECTED.

| | |
|---|---|
| Tax of 1880, | $2 00 |
| " 1881, | 6 11 |
| " 1882, | 1,520 01 |
| | $1,528 12 |

HORACE HEWS, *Collector.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1883.

# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

AND

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Almshouse remains under the charge of Mr.and Mrs. Otis H. Penniman, who have served the Town for the past nine years. At the beginning of the year there were two inmates, Frank B. Nelson, aged 26 years, and Thomas Corbett,* aged 18 years. July 31st, admitted John White, aged 76 years, and Susan A. White, aged 75 years; August 31, Robert H. Percell, aged 9 years, and Herman Percell, aged 7 years. Present number, five.

150 tramps cared for at the Almshouse during the year.

## RECEIPTS FROM THE FARM.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash received from sale of milk, | | $793 81 |
| " " 6 cows, | | 233 00 |
| " " calves, | | 9 50 |
| " " pork, | | 15 07 |
| " " poultry, | | 15 50 |
| " " potatoes, | | 52 00 |
| " " corn and rye, | | 32 04 |
| " " rye straw, | | 18 00 |
| " " peas, | | 29 00 |
| " " pickles, | | 111 96 |
| " " labor, | | 13 00 |
| " Board of Mrs. Dudley, | | 94 00 |
| " " Irving D. Prentiss, | | 40 00 |
| " " Robert M. Prentiss, | | 40 00 |
| " Treasury, | | 232 36 |
| | | $1,729 24 |

*We have secured a place for Thomas Corbett.

## EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid | Otis H. Penniman, superintending, | $350 00 |
| " | grain and flour, | 328 08 |
| " | groceries, | 239 88 |
| " | brewers' grains, | 111 45 |
| " | meat, | 106 41 |
| " | fish, | 14 77 |
| " | boots, shoes, and clothing, | 78 28 |
| " | household goods, | 4 91 |
| " | coal, | 41 46 |
| " | blacksmith and wheelwright, | 39 15 |
| " | farming tools and grass seed, | 22 89 |
| " | 6 cows, | 283 00 |
| " | salt and soap, | 11 80 |
| " | shotes, | 9 00 |
| " | pasturing cows, | 6 00 |
| " | sawing logs, | 4 72 |
| " | stove and grate, | 13 50 |
| " | medical attendance, | 13 50 |
| " | repairs, | 5 44 |
| " | Overseer's salary, | 45 00 |
| | | $1,729 24 |

## OUTSIDE RELIEF.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of Mrs. Mary Bacon, | $170 56 |
| " Commonwealth of Mass., board of Joseph H. Seaverns, | 64 25 |
| " Mrs. Robert Fiske, board of three Percell children, | 78 86 |
| " Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board of Mrs. Margaret McMahan, | 114 20 |
| | $427 87 |
| Cost at Almshouse, | 232 36 |
| Total cost, | $660 23 |

The Selectmen make the following Estimate of Expenditures for the ensuing year:

| | |
|---|---|
| For Schools, | $3,300 00 |
| School incidentals, | 1,000 00 |
| Wall maps and text books, | 300 00 |
| Support of poor, | 800 00 |
| Cemeteries, | 300 00 |
| Interest on debt, | 1,000 00 |
| Salaries of Town Officers, | 1,000 00 |
| Discount and abatements, | 800 00 |
| Town incidentals, | 1,700 00 |
| Highways, | 3,000 00 |
| Sidewalks, | 300 00 |
| Culverts and railings, | 500 00 |
| Town debt, | 3,000 00 |
| | $17,000 00 |

The following names will be reported at the Annual March Meeting to be placed in the Jury box, subject to the revision of the Town:

Henry L. Brown,
Henry F. Bowers,
Samuel F. Clark,
Abijah Coburn,
John Coburn,
Marshall Cutting,
Hosea F. Davis,
George W. Dunn,
Marcus M. Fiske,
Hiram Garfield,
Daniel Garfield.
Josiah S. Gould,
Edward C. Greene,
Francis Hastings, 2d,
Edward Pierce,
Fitz A. Robinson,
William S. Seaverns,
Daniel Smith,
Charles E. Smith,
Luther F. Upham,
Charles A. Warren,
Henry A. Wheeler.

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# TOWN WARRANT.

Articles in Warrant for Town Meeting to be held March 26th, 1833.

The meeting will be called at 12:30 o'clock, p. m.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

Article 2. To act upon the reports of the several Boards of Town Officers, and also to act upon the reports of any Committee chosen by the Town.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To grant and appropriate such sums of money as may be thought necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and also to pay any part of the Town debt.

Article 5. To see if the Town will fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and act anything relative to the collecting of taxes.

Article 7. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

Article 8. To vote upon the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Article 9. To see if the Town will cause one or more of its constables to give bonds, that they may serve writs in civil suits.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of $500 to be expended on Concord Street, near Cherry Brook station on the Massachusetts Central Railroad, or act anything relative to said street.

Article 11. To see if the Town will cause its records to be copied, or act anything relative to the same.

Article 12. To see if the Town will reimburse to its agents, George B. Milton and Henry J. White, such sums of money as they have expended in defending and settling the law-suit brought against them as members of the High School Building Committee.

HENRY J. WHITE,
SAMUEL H. WARREN,
NATHAN S. FISKE,
} *Selectmen of Weston.*

# REPORT

OF

# ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

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The Road Commissioners of Weston submit to the Town the following report:

The appropriations of the past year have been expended according to the votes of the Town, as will be shown by the report of the Auditor.

The subject of Highways, next to our Schools, is we think the most important to engage our attention of any one thing in the immediate future. Our proximity to the neighboring town of Waltham and city of Newton, together with our increasing number of city residents, with our increasing valuation, demand that we should commence a system of improvements, to be continued from year to year, without excessive taxation, as times and circumstances shall warrant. But when we consider that of our 42 miles of highways, only our three main avenues (and of these only South Avenue has its lines defined so that the right of the Town can be ascertained definitely,) are of legal width, and that of the remaining 32 miles the necessary width only can be obtained by taking land of the abuttors, we may possibly begin to realize what a herculean task we have before us, one which will demand the efforts and energies of the present generation at least.

We would bring to the notice of the Town the scarcity of material. Upon not a street in town can gravel be found within the limits of the highway, in sufficient quantity and of proper quality for grading purposes. We would recommend that measures be taken to secure material for future use, so far as practicable and convenient.

We recommend the granting of $3,500 for general repairs. An appropriation for the widening and grading of Church Street, according to the order of the County Commissioners, will be necessary.

Last year, when it was decided to have a depot on the Mass. Central Railroad at the crossing on Concord Street, a strong pressure was brought to bear upon the Commissioners to widen and grade the approaches thereto. Not deeming it justifiable to expend so much of the appropriation for highways as would be necessary to do the work in a proper manner, we only graded so as to make it passable the past season. We believe it due to that part of the Town that near the depot the street should be widened; likewise to Mr. John Warren, that the hill in front and approaches to his house should be suitably graded.

We therefore recommend an appropriation of $600 to be expended on Concord Street, between Central Avenue and Merriam Street.

We would likewise call the attention of the Town to the state and condition of Forest Street, especially the bridge over the Mass. Central Railroad and the approaches thereto. Complaints have been loud and frequent, and not without cause, in regard to the bridge and its approaches, and likewise to the hill near the house of Wm. N. Gowell, but the Commissioners are powerless, not only by want of funds, but by the embarrassing connections with the Central Railroad. The statutes provide that railroad corporations shall build all bridges over their roads and shall maintain said bridges and approaches thereto, in a safe and proper manner. As this provision is for all time, the Commissioners wish to do nothing that may complicate or embarrass the relations of the Town with the railroad hereafter.

We were in hopes that this past year the affairs of the Central would be so arranged as to admit of a satisfactory settlement with the company, but that time appears no nearer at the present. We leave the subject to the consideration of the Town.

Our attention has been called by the authorities of the town

of Wellesley, to the hill known as Jennings Hill on Glen Road, lying partly in Wellesley and partly in Weston. It is, all know who have occasion to travel over it, a long, steep and narrow roadway, and being the only outlet from that part of the town, and likewise to and near the growing town of Wellesley, it ought to be remedied if possible. Upon viewing it in company with the Selectmen of Wellesley, we find it inexpedient to cut on account of ledge, but it was thought best to build a new road on the brow of the hill, on the westerly side, of about one thousand feet in length, which would make a gradual rise and save about ten feet in height. At the time of the view, on account of snow and ice, it was judged best to defer the matter until a more satisfactory view could be had. It was likewise thought that the two towns could mutually agree upon the case without calling upon the County Commissioners, it lying not only in two towns, but in two counties.

Should such road be built, a small appropriation of $400 or $500 would be necessary.

A strong pressure upon us to widen Viles Street has been made. From the railroad crossing to the house of John F. Warren, a distance of about 100 rods, is rising ground, and the roadway so narrow that it is impossible for two teams to pass each other. Considerable heavy teaming is done over that road. We think $300 or $400 could be judiciously expended in widening Viles Street.

We have thus laid before the Town some of the most important and pressing claims which have been made upon us as Commissioners. If we should undertake to present them all, the printer would desire more time to prepare the reports than even the late day on which our Annual Meeting is to be held would admit.

In conclusion, the Commissioners have endeavored honestly and sincerely to expend the several appropriations for highways in a judicious and satisfactory manner. If they have failed, it is owing to errors of the head rather than of the heart. And we would earnestly express the wish that all would unite, with-

out sectional or personal feeling, in devising a better way to maintain our highways, if any can be found; and when found, in selecting the best persons to take charge of this important interest, so intimately connected with the future welfare and prosperity of the Town.

Respectfully submitted.

ALONZO S. FISKE,
BENJ. F. CUTTER,
MARSHALL L. UPHAM,
} *Road Commissioners of Weston.*

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# REPORT

OF THE

## Committee on Road Repairs.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting, to investigate and report a better way for the Town to pursue in its road repairs, make the following report:

In considering the subject of the present course adopted by the Commissioners, we find many things that are very objectionable. To substitute a better course for the Town to adopt is a difficult task for your Committee to agree upon. We find, under the present course pursued, that the Commissioners have more repairs to make than they can do at the proper time of the year; also that they are too far away from a portion of the work to do it for the advantage of the town. We find also, under the present course, great objections in case of deep or drifting snows, as all the Commissioners live from two to three miles away from Central Avenue, which is our main thoroughfare. It would take either one of them two days at least, in case of as severe a storm as we have seen, to reach any part of said avenue.

As many of our town's people have business to attend that requires the roads open for travel at the least possible delay, they are obliged themselves through necessity to shovel out, and after the road has been trodden two days or more some one or two of the Commissioners will ride around, with a number of men, and a team of two or four horses, to see what a good road has been made, and charge the same to the Town. We do not wish to go back to the highway-surveyor system, but in many respects we consider it better than the present course pursued.

We therefore recommend the Town to try the Commissioners one year more, and instruct them to appoint a few agents at different parts of the Town, to furnish help and make all repairs that are to be made on certain pieces of roads designated by the Commissioners. Also let them appoint a sufficient number of men at different sections of the town, who can employ as much help as is needed to open the roads in case of deep or drifting snows, and have it plainly understood that no person is to receive pay for labor unless employed by one of said agents or Road Commissioners — these agents to receive the same compensation for their services as the Road Commissioners. We think if these recommendations are faithfully carried out by said Commissioners, they will give satisfaction to the Town.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD COBURN,
SAMUEL F. CLARK,
CHARLES A. WARREN,
ALONZO S. FISKE,
NATHAN BARKER,
DAVID PERRY.

# REPORT ON GUIDE-BOARDS.

Guide-boards are maintained at the following places, viz. :

At the junctions of North Avenue and Lexington Street, North Avenue and Church Street, North Avenue and Forest Street, North Avenue and Lincoln Street, Concord Street and Merriam Street, Concord Street and Sudbury Street, Central Avenue and Concord Street, Central Avenue and School Street, Central Avenue and Crescent Street, Central Avenue and Wellesley Street, Wellesley Street and School Street, Wellesley Street and Newton Street, Newton Street and Ash Street, South Avenue and Wellesley Street, South Avenue and East Newton Street, South Avenue and River Street, River Street and Loring Place, Winter and Brown Streets.

We do not think it necessary to maintain them at other places.

ALONZO S. FISKE,
BENJ. F. CUTTER,
MARSHALL L. UPHAM,
} *Road Commissioners of Weston.*

# REPORT

OF THE

# TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

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The Trustees of Cemeteries submit the following report:

There has been a survey of Linwood Cemetery, avenues and paths named, and a plan of the same is in the hands of the Trustees.

Three lots have been sold the past year, making the whole number sold 30.

Whole number of interments, 43.

In the other burial-grounds the usual work has been done.

## RECEIPTS.

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| Cash received for burial lots, | $90 00 |
| " " hay, | 10 00 |
| Appropriated, | 300 00 |
| | $400 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

### Linwood Cemetery.

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| Surveying and staking, | $45 00 |
| John Poutas, for stone posts, | 24 00 |
| Sundry workmen and teams, | 32 17 |
| Making and recording deeds, | 1 50 |
| | $102 67 |

### Linwood Avenue.

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|---|---|
| Sundry workmen, | $9 94 |

CENTRE BURIAL-GROUND.

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| Sundry workmen, | $27 40 |
| Plants, | 5 00 |
| | $32 40 |

OLD BURIAL-GROUND.

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| For labor, | $2 10 |

SOUTH BURIAL-GROUND.

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|---|---|
| For labor, | $1 00 |
| Flowers for Decoration Day, | $8 00 |
| Trustees, for services, | 10 00 |
| | $18 00 |
| Amount of expenses, | $166 11 |
| Balance unexpended, | 233 89 |

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY J. WHITE,
EDWARD COBURN,
GEORGE E. HOBBS,
*Trustees.*

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

OF THE

# Merriam Fund for the Silent Poor.

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Dr.

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| Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1882, | $125 45 |
| Interest on Fund, | 192 48 |
| | $317 93 |

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| Paid Trustees' orders, | $197 50 |
| Balance unexpended, | 120 43 |
| | $317 93 |

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

Weston, Feb. 28, 1883.

# BY-LAWS

OF THE

# TOWN OF WESTON.

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By-Laws of the Town of Weston, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, adopted at a Town meeting, April 3. 1882, as approved by the Superior Court, begun and holden at Cambridge in said County, on the first Monday of June, 1882, to wit, June 14, 1882.

1. Notice of every Town meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the warrant therefor in three or more public places in the Town at least seven days before the time appointed for such meeting. Such further notice of any Town meeting may be given as the Selectmen deem proper. In case of the adjournment of any Town meeting from one day to another, the Town Clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of holding such adjourned meeting to be posted at the Post Office, which notice shall state the business to come before such adjourned meeting.

2. The Town Clerk shall attend punctually at the time and place appointed for any Town meeting, and, as soon as twelve voters are present, call the meeting to order, and proceed forthwith to read the warrant for the meeting, and the return of the person or persons who notified it; and if it appears to him that said meeting was legally called and notified, he shall then call upon the voters present to bring in their votes for a Moderator (if one be required at said meeting), and he shall preside until a Moderator is chosen, and assumes the office.

3. No action shall be had at any Town meeting on the report of any Committee previously chosen to report on any matter involving the expenditure of money, unless the same shall be specially notified in the warrant calling such meeting.

4. No vote fixing the period for closing a ballot shall be reconsid-

ered after said ballot shall have begun; but an extension of the time may be had by vote without reconsideration.

5. No vote involving the expenditure of any sum of money exceeding one hundred dollars shall be reconsidered at the same meeting at which it is passed, unless public notice of the intention to move such reconsideration be given within thirty minutes of the passage of such vote. The Clerk shall note in writing the time of the passage of such vote and also the time when the notice of reconsideration is given.

6. Every motion or order which is of a complicated nature, or of unusual length, shall be reduced to writing, and all other motions at the pleasure of the presiding officer.

7. The powers and duties of the presiding officer, not specially provided for by law, or by the By-Laws, shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in Cushing's Manual, so far as they are adapted to the conditions and powers of the Town.

8. The financial year shall begin on the first day of March, and end on the last day of February following.

9. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the third or fourth Monday of March in each year, at such time and place as the Selectmen may appoint.

10. The Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Auditor (if any), Treasurer and Collector, with such other Boards of Town Officers, or Committees of the Town as may be deemed expedient, shall report annually all matters pertaining to their several departments relating to the general interest and welfare of the Town. The Selectmen shall also report an estimate of the sums of money needed to defray the necessary charges and expenditures of the Town for the ensuing year. The selectmen shall cause the several reports, together with a copy of their warrant calling the Annual Meeting in March, to be printed, and a copy of the same to be left at the residence of every voter in Town (if known), two days, at least, before the time appointed for said Annual Meeting.

11. The Selectmen shall hold regular business meetings, of which due notice shall be given.

12. All bills against the Town shall be made out in detail with the proper date for each item, and shall be approved by a majority of the Board contracting said bill, and shall be presented to the Auditor, if

any; if none, to the Selectmen for examination and approval; and the Treasurer shall not be required to pay within forty-eight hours after such presentation and approval.

13. The Selectmen shall at least once in every six months, and as much oftener as they think proper, examine thoroughly the books of the Treasurer, and ascertain the condition of the Treasury.

14. A discount of five per cent. shall be made and allowed on all taxes paid on or before October 15th in each year. All taxes shall become due, and payable February 1st of the year next succeeding the assessment thereof, and interest at the legal rate per annum shall be added to all taxes then unpaid; and all real estate on which taxes remain unpaid the first day of the following August, shall be sold by the Collector according to law. The Collector shall cause this section to be printed upon all tax bills.

15. The balance of any appropriation remaining after the object for which the money was appropriated has been accomplished, shall be covered into the Treasury, and shall be liable for any draft of the Selectmen for Contingencies.

16. No money of the Town shall be paid from the Treasury, except upon approved bills by, or written orders of, the Selectmen or a majority thereof.

17. The Town Treasurer shall not borrow any money on behalf of the Town upon any promissory note, executed by him, as such Treasurer, unless said note is first countersigned by the Selectmen.

18. All Boards of standing Town Officers shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books; the person having charge of the same shall transmit them to his successor in office. Whenever any vote affecting the duties of any Town officers is passed, the Clerk shall transmit a copy of the same to such officer or officers, who shall enter it upon the records of the Board.

19. No person shall pasture cattle or other animals, without a keeper, in or upon any of the streets or ways of the Town, and in no event without first obtaining the consent of the owner or occupant of the adjoining land.

20. No member of the Board of Selectmen or any officer appointed by the legal voters of the Town, authorized to make any contracts or agreements in behalf of the Town for labor, materials, goods, wares or

merchandise furnished to the Town, or for a loan of money, shall be interested in a private capacity, either directly or indirectly, in such contracts, agreements, or loan, nor shall either directly or indirectly, for himself or for any other person, receive any commission, discount, bonus, present or reward from the persons making such sale, loan, contract or agreement for furnishing such goods, wares, merchandise or money.

21. Whenever any new street shall have been laid out or the direction of an old one altered, by the Selectmen or Road Commissioners, and accepted and allowed by the Town, no entry for the purpose of constructing such way or any part thereof shall be made until all claims for damages by reason thereof, shall have been finally adjusted or determined, unless such entry shall be authorized by special vote of the Town.

22. No person shall throw or kick any hand or foot ball in any of the streets of the Town in the vicinity of the Town House.

23. If any building shall be moved over or through any public street or square, the owner of such building and the persons moving the same shall be jointly and severally liable to the Town for all damages, costs, and expenses for which the Town may be liable or which they may be compelled to pay in consequence of such removal or of any obstruction, incumbrance or injury occasioned thereby.

24. No person shall place or cause to be placed in any public street or square, without a written license from the Road Commissioners, if any, if not from the Selectmen, any rubbish, dirt, wood, timber or other material to obstruct or mar the appearance of the street or sidewalk.

25. No occupant of any house where there is, or has been recently any case of small pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or other infectious or contagious disease, shall be permitted to attend any public school in the Town, until a certificate of a regular physician, that there is no longer danger of infection, is obtained, and presented to the teacher. The School Committee shall post or cause to be posted, a copy of this section in every school-room of the Town.

26. No person shall behave himself or herself in a rude or disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language in any public place in the Town, or near any dwelling-house, or other building therein, or be and remain upon any sidewalk, doorstep or other projection from any house or building so as to annoy or disturb any person, or obstruct any passage to the same.

27. No person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle or team to any of the trees planted in any public highway, street, or public lands of the Town, or drive into the same any nails, spikes, hooks or clasps, nor affix any boards thereto.

28. No person shall post, affix or in any way attach any poster, handbill, notice, advertisement or placard, or paint, draw or stamp any letter, notice, figure or advertisement, or mark upon or into, or otherwise deface any wall, fence, post, tree, building or structure not his own within the Town, without the permission of the owner of said wall, fence, post, tree, building or structure.

29. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece, or fire-arms, on any street, way or land of the Town, or on any private grounds except with the consent of the owner; provided, however, that this By-Law shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military exercise or review, or in the lawful defence of the person and family or property of any citizen.

30. Every violation of the foregoing By-Laws shall be punished by a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars, and all penalties recovered for such violation shall be paid into the Treasury of the Town, to inure to such use as the Town shall from time to time direct.

Attest: GEO. W. CUTTING, Jr.,

*Town Clerk of Weston.*

# STREET NAMES.

## District No. 1.

| Names of Streets. | | |
|---|---|---|
| Central Aveuue, | Road leading from | Stony Brook Station to Wayland. |
| Church Street, | " | " Town Hall to Hobbs Corner. |
| Forest Street, | " | " Unitarian Parsonage to Lincoln. |
| Wellesley Street, | " | " Mr. Beal's house to Wellesley. |
| School Street, | " | " Central Avenue by High School-house to Wellesley St. |
| Summer Street, | " | " Central Ave. to Roberts Mill. |
| Crescent Street, | " | " H. D. Bowen's house to Mrs. Derby's house. |
| Newton Street, | " | " Wellesley St. to Cutter's Corner. |
| Ash Street, | " | " Newton St. to South Ave. |

## District No. 2.

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| Highland Street, | Road leading from | Central Ave. to South Ave. |
| Elm Street, | " | " Mrs. Weston's house to Highland Street. |
| Chestnut Street, | " | " Highland St. to Wellesley St. |
| Concord Street, | " | " Central Ave. to Bond's Cor., and from Bond's Cor. passing by the house of Geo. W. Dunn to Lincoln line. |
| Fiske Street, | " | " Central Ave. to Concord St. |

## District No. 3.

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| Merriam Street, | Road leading from | Bond's Corner to North Ave. |
| Sudbury Street, | " | " Concord St. passing by Nahum Smith's house to Wayland. |

District No. 4.

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| North Avenue, | Road leading from | | Waltham to Lincoln. |
| Lexington Street, | " | " | North Ave. to North Waltham. |
| Lincoln Street, | " | " | North Ave. to Lincoln. |
| Viles Street, | " | " | North Avo. to J. S. Viles' house. |

District No. 5.

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| South Avenue, | Road leading from | | Auburndale to Cochituate. |
| Oak Street, | " | " | South Ave. near Mr. Morse's house to Glen Road. |
| East Newton St., | " | " | South Ave. to Newton L. Falls. |
| River Street, | " | " | South Ave. to Waltham. |
| Loring Place, | " | " | River St. to Miss Loring's house. |
| Ware Street, | " | " | South Ave. to Newton St. |

District No. 6.

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| Glen Road, | Road leading from | | Wellesley St. to Newton L. Falls. |
| Winter Street, | " | " | South Ave. to Natick. |
| Brown Street, | " | " | Wellesley St. to Winter St. |
| Cross Street, | " | " | South Ave. to Highland St., near H. Leadbetter's house. |
| Pine Street, | " | " | South Ave. to Highland St., near Greenwood farm. |
| Bogle Street, | " | " | A. Loker's house to Mr. Irving's house. |

# Report of the School Committee.

The School Committee would submit the following Report: —

The Committee consists of the following names: —

Amos Harris, term expires in 1883.
Herman A. Train, " " 1884.
Nahum Smith, " " 1885.

The general Committee, officered and divided into sub-committees, is as follows: —

Amos Harris, Chairman.
Herman A. Train, Secretary.
Nahum Smith, Sub-committee on finance and repairs.
Amos Harris, Nahum Smith, } Sub-committee on text-books and course of study.
Nahum Smith, Sub-committee on music.

School No. 1. Under the special care of Amos Harris.
" 2. " " " " "
" 3. " " " Nahum Smith.
" 4. " " " " "
" 5. " " " Herman A. Train.
" 6. " " " " "

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. F. W. Anthony and Mr. H. W. Ring, Teachers.

The school commenced under the care of Mr. Anthony. The spring term was in efficiency and discipline in the same line as previous terms.

The course of study was somewhat modified by dropping some three branches. There were oral and written examinations, which served to gather up and fix the ideas in the minds of the scholars.

During the summer vacation Mr. Anthony received an invitation to the Principalship of the High School in Bradford. Considering the position a more eligible one on some accounts than the one in Weston, he accepted.

While as a rule your Committee confine their reports to the condition of the schools, and leave the inference to be drawn as to the efficiency and merits of the several teachers, it may be allowable, however, to say a few things in regard to a teacher when his conection is severed with the school. The relation of Mr. Anthony to the High School and the Committee was very pleasant.

He did not bring to Weston much actual experience in teaching in the school room, but being quick in perception, and readily accommodating himself to new conditions, he grew and developed in teaching ability. We see no reason why he may not rank among our best educators, if he continues as he has begun.

His leaving Weston suggests one or two points to which we wish to invite your attention. While the salary we pay to a Principal is a living one, yet so related are we to the lower towns that there will be financial inducements presented which will influence him to leave us, if he is a popular and successful instructor. Then again, as a general rule graduates from our colleges prefer to teach a school in which the languages are included in the course of study. We were almost an exception in the State in this particular as a High School.

Other reasons might be named why good and efficient teachers leave us. These changes are what it is not in the power of the Committee to prevent; we regard them as demoralizing in their tendency, and discouraging to the Committee.

Notwithstanding these obstacles, and others best known to your Board, we endeavor to the best of our judgment and ability to meet and overcome them.

In selecting a successor to Mr. Anthony much time was spent and effort put forth, to secure a competent teacher. Mr. Ring was therefore elected to fill the position. He has had some six years experience in teaching.

To meet the demands required of him by all parties was simply impossible. The examination at the close of the fall term evinced good work in the different branches of study. The examination at the close of the school year was very satisfactory. The scholars gave unmistakable evidence that they had mastered the principles of their studies. We were very happy to see so large a number of the friends present to witness for themselves as to the proficiency of the work done by the scholars. We regret, however, that we are compelled to have the High and Intermediate scholars in one room. If the Principal places the scholars upon their good behavior, to a great extent the younger scholars will take advantage of the liberty given them; especially will this be the case if some of the older ones are disposed to lead off, and exert a bad influence upon the younger. This difficulty occurred during the last term. We most sincerely hope that some plan may be devised whereby the schools shall be in separate rooms, where they shall be under their respective teachers, as to discipline as well as to their studies.

AMOS HARRIS,

*Sub-Committee.*

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS SARAH A. BRUCE and MISS ABBIE C. FISKE, Teachers.

By referring to the table of statistics it will be seen that the whole number of scholars in this school is larger than any preceding year. On account of the distance to travel, as well as limited room, ten scholars who entered from

school No. 4 were permitted to remain and pursue their studies in that school. The plan worked admirably. The burden upon the teacher was increased; however the influence of this class upon the younger pupils was in part a compensation for the extra labor.

The spring term of the Intermediate was taught by Miss Bruce. By reason of ill health she resigned at the close of the term. The school did not make that improvement we had reason to hope; there was a lack of enthusiasm and ability to awaken an interest on the part of the pupils of their age. The methods of instruction were very good, if they had been pursued with vigor.

The services of Miss Fiske were secured for the remainder of the year at a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars per year. She entered upon her work with body and mind refreshed, and with a determined purpose to raise the school to a higher intellectual standard.

It is but justice for us to say that her efforts have been successful. We most earnestly invite the parents to cooperate in the endeavor to render this school as effective as possible, so that the scholars may be well prepared to enter the High School. If the pupil is very young and ranks quite low in arithmetic, so that his course of study will be greatly injured by promotion, then three years in the Intermediate School will be a necessity.

Our scholars are graduating too young in order to reap the greatest benefit from our schools. A more thorough preparation for the High School will obviate this defect in our present course of study.

AMOS HARRIS,
*Sub-Committee.*

## SCHOOL NO. 1—EAST CENTRE DISTRICT.

MISS ELLEN M. JONES, Teacher.

The greater portion of the scholars in this school are very young. Never have we known of a school in town where the children did not average older than these. No school contains better material to be developed and disciplined than this.

A great responsibility rests upon the teacher to direct, encourage and mould these plastic minds. This responsibility has been assumed and discharged in a very creditable manner by the teacher during the past year.

The order of the school has been of a kind to secure good results. The pupils being so young we did not expect as much of them in this direction as though they were older.

We congratulate the parents that their children are daily cared for, and their interests constantly looked after. We regard the school in a very good working condition.

AMOS HARRIS,
*Sub-Committee.*

## SCHOOL NO. 2. — WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

Miss Lillie I. Dunn, Teacher.

The number of scholars who attended the school during the first and second terms was larger than during former years.

The school was smaller the last term on account of removals. In consequence of these, the school lost some of its best pupils.

There has been more than an average amount of talent in the school. A commendable rivalry has revealed itself among the pupils. A kind yet healthy discipline has been maintained.

The scholars have shown a commendable disposition to comply with the rules of the school. Good progress has therefore been made by the younger as well as the older scholars.

Drawing has received attention in this school, and the effort put forth was crowned with success.

The school has not suffered its former reputation to be impaired as to its efficiency in singing.

We regard the work of the school, during the year, as satisfactory and efficient as any under its present teacher.

AMOS HARRIS,
*Sub-Committee.*

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## SCHOOL NO. 3. — NORTH-WEST DISTRICT.

Miss Ida A. Gould, Teacher.

Another year of faithful work has ended, and to all who were present on the closing day, it must have been apparent that the earnest toil had yielded its happy returns; and in the coming years how many fold — who shall tell?

It has been with real satisfaction that we have marked the progess of these young minds in their upward course from the dark vale of little beginnings, steadily rising through mists and storms, in days dark and days bright, but still with eager tread pressing ever onward, and ever upward, and with ever widening fields of knowledge opening on the vision of the zealous climbers.

In the coming years, it may be that some of our ambitious boys may become men to whom the world will look up, and whom the world will delight to honor; what has been, may again be, for from out of the little old North-West School House, many years ago, went a poor boy who, before life's close, had attained to some of the highest honors in the land.

So, in District No. 3, when we chance to find a *poor* boy we try to make the most of the golden opportunity, with the hope that history may repeat itself, and again, after many days, we may find the bread that was cast upon the waters.

NAHUM SMITH,
*Sub-Committee.*

## SCHOOL NO. 4.—NORTH-EAST DISTRICT.

MISS ANNA C. COBURN, Teacher.

To tell the story of this school few words are needed to the many friends who were present at the closing exercises of the year, but those words shall come right from our heart. We cannot, in cold, barren figures, compute the value to our whole society, to the town as well as all our schools, of the splendid example of what may be done by earnest, hard work, with the sympathizing co-operation of the many interested friends, who, by their unwavering support and frequent presence, held up the hands of the patient worker in this vineyard of immortals.

To this school we all look up, and all carping criticism passes away from thought, as the mists of night vanish before the gleam of the morning sun. And to its members, of what inestimable value are the lessons of self-control the respect for authority, the submission of the individual will to the central thought of strict discipline, the blending the manifold variety into the harmonious unity, and, so to them, the experience will ever stand, as a faithful monitor in all their coming years.

May those who must go out *never* forget their obligations, for from them much will be expected.

To this is appended a record alike honorable to teachers, scholars, *and* parents.

NAHUM SMITH,
*Sub-Committee.*

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Whole number of scholars, . . . . . 48
Number of tardy marks, . . . . . 5

*Perfect in Attendance Ten Terms.*

Florence M. Coburn.

*Perfect in Attendance Nine Terms.*

Ida F. Warren.

*Perfect in Attendance Five Terms.*

Ellen C. Bowler. Lizzie Bowler.

*Perfect in Attendance Three Terms.*

Oscar B. Coburn. George L. Spear.
Irving D. Prentiss.

*Perfect in Attendance Two Terms.*

Eunie M. Baldwin. Robert H. Purcell.

*Perfect in Attendance One Term.*

Maggie A Murphy, John Doyle,
Sammy Noon, Arthur W. Bowers,
Frank P. Garfield, Theodore T. Noon.

*Not Absent for One Term, but Tardy Once.*

Fred A. Tucker. Milanda M. McLean.
Selina A. McLean.

FIRST CLASS.

*Report for the Year. — Average in Lessons.*

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|---|---|
| Ellen C. Bowler, | 97.9 |
| Ida F. Warren, | 98 |
| Ruby G. Tucker, | 95.2 |
| Maggie A. Murphy, | 87.7 |
| Florence M. Coburn, | 79.7 |
| Oscar B. Coburn, | 87.4 |
| Charlie S. Baldwin, | 78 |
| John Doyle, | 84.2 |
| Fred A. Tucker, | 89.7 |
| Sammy A. Noon, | 80.8 |

## SCHOOL NO. 5. — SOUTH-EAST DISTRICT.

Miss Lizzie J. Viles, Teacher.

This school has enjoyed the uninterrupted services of Miss Viles for *eleven* years.

The decided benefit which a school receives from the continued services of the *right* teacher in the *right* place, is so evident, that your Committee can but hope that the school may be as fortunate in the future, as it has been in the past, in this regard.

The year's work has been good, the deportment quiet and orderly.

The prompt and correct recitations are worthy of mention, as substantial evidence of the thorough work that has been accomplished.

HERMAN A. TRAIN,
*Sub-Committee.*

## SCHOOL NO. 6. — SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT.

Miss Julia C. Stearns and Miss Clara F. Stimpson, Teachers.

As these school reports can be but the briefest notice of the most important matters, it is not possible here to award the teachers or scholars their exact measure of worth or relative standing; nor, indeed, is it necessary, since the public school itself is open to the freest inspection.

At the close of the fall term, Miss Stearns, who has had charge of the school for two years, resigned, and the present teacher was elected to fill the vacancy.

Miss Stimpson is a graduate of our High School, and the Salem Normal School, and possesses not only the intellectual qualifications, but, we trust, those natural endowments which are requisite for a successful teacher.

That the present peace and prosperity of the school may be the pledge of its future success, is the sincere wish of the Committee.

HERMAN A. TRAIN,
*Sub-Committee.*

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

| | High School. | Intermediate. | East Centre. | West Centre. | North-West. | North-East. | South-East. | South-West. | Summary. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whole number of scholars, . . | 31 | 28 | 34 | 29 | 20 | 50 | 29 | 22 | 243 |
| Average membership, . . . | 27 | 25 | 29 | *24 | 15 | 47 | 22 | 18 | |
| Average attendance, . . . | 25 | 25 | 25 | 23 | 14 | 43 | 20 | †17 | |
| Tardy marks, . . . . | – | ‡53 | 98 | 45 | 71 | 31 | 34 | 41 | |
| Visits from parents, . . . | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 23 | 13 | 2 | 68 |
| Visits from Committee, . . | 37 | 35 | 20 | 24 | 35 | 40 | 25 | 24 | 240 |

* 24 7-9. † 17.12. ‡ Two terms.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy during the year: — High School — No returns. Intermediate — No returns. No. 1 — John T. Quinn, absent half day, never tardy. No. 2 — Mary Sibley, Henry Cowan, Alfred Sibley absent half day. No. 3 — ———. No. 4 — report elsewhere. No. 5 — Susie Warren, Essie Greene, Arthur Warren. No. 6 — Lettie P. Smith, Sidney W. Smith, William F. Smith.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

ON

# FINANCE AND REPAIRS.

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| *Item* 1. Appropriation for support of schools, | $3,300 00 |
| Massachusetts School Fund income, | 173 84 |
| | $3,473 84 |
| Expenditure for Public Schools, | $3,420 00 |
| *Item* 2. Appropriation for school incidentals, | $1,000 00 |
| Amount transferred from school fund, | 17 80 |
| | $1,017 80 |
| Expenditures for school incidentals, | $1,017 80 |

Under this item we wish to report the beginning of the year found us with a deficiency of $146.12.

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| *Item* 3. Special appropriation for repairs on school buildings, | $700 00 |
| Expended under this appropriation, | 470 48 |
| Unexpended balance, | $229 52 |

Under this appropriation was the cost of painting the High School building and the mason work on rooms of Nos. 5 and 6 school-rooms, also the painting of the same.

Some intended work on the basement of the High School building was not carried out. This year we think we must replaster and paint the walls of the room of No. 4 in the North-

East District. This work we think must be done. But we think no special grant necessary, as it can be paid from the school incidentals, if the same sum is granted as last year.

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| *Item* 4. Special appropriation for purchase of school books for use of schools, | $400 00 |
| Expended under this item, | 370 72 |
| Balance unexpended, | $29 28 |

The sum of $10, more or less, has been returned to the Treasury, as the non-resident scholars were required to pay for the books they used, and small amounts were paid by resident scholars. The experiment has been before the town for the year, and we presume the voters are prepared to approve or disapprove the continuance of the plan. If the town sees proper to make a grant for the coming year, we wish it to be for the purchase of books and maps, as we are sadly in need of new maps of the United States for all the rooms. But we think the sum of $300 sufficient to cover both items.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

N. SMITH,
*Sub-Committee.*

# Report of the Library Committee.

The Library Committee respectfully submit the following Report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1883.

The accessions to the Library, during the year, have been as follows:

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| Number of books purchased, | 211 |
| " " presented, | 44 |
| " " taken out, | 9251 |

(For financial exhibit see treasurer's report.)

Donations of books and pamphlets have been received from the following sources, viz.:

Mrs. C. J. Paine, Mrs. D. S. Lamson, Mr. Herbert Merriam, Mr. W. Mc C. Griswold, Miss E. S. Coburn, Hon. G. F. Hoar, Col. D. S. Lamson, Mr. E. A. Jones, Cobden Club, London, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bureau of Education, Boston Public Library, Lancaster Public Library, and the American Unitarian Association.

The Library now contains about 5,500 volumes; its circulation is gradually increasing; about 600 more books have been taken out during the past year than in any previous year.

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